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Cobh ascends from the sea and splendidly dominates Cork Harbour, the second largest natural harbour in the world. This colourful town has experienced *invasion, emigration, transportation* and a *wealth of maritime adventures*. St Colman's Cathedral overlooks the brightly coloured town and the inner islands of the harbour, Haulbowline and Spike, are a stunning sight to behold. Cobh is also host to many cruise ships during the year and has welcomed many world famous ships such as the QE2 and the Independence of the Seas. It was the last port of call of the ill-fated Titanic, and in 2012 Cobh commemorated the centenary of its visit.



In 1912 The Titanic was the largest passenger steamship. Owned by the White Star Line and constructed in Belfast, Ireland. Her final place of departure was Cobh, Cork, Ireland. She was designed using the most advanced technology available at the time by reputable engineers and her sinking on her maiden voyage has fascinated the world since. At 11:40pm on the 14th April 1912 she struck an iceberg on the way to New York City. She sank at 2.20am. Follow the amazing history of the Titanic at the Titanic Experience Cobh

TITANIC EXPERIENCE
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The Sirius Arts Centre runs exhibitions all year. The work of local and international artists are displayed. The centre is a focal point for cultural activities with recitals, workshops and performances running all year.

St. Colman's Cathedral - Started in 1868, the building of this Cathedral took over 50 years to complete. It was designed in a French neo Gothic style and contains magnificent examples of stained glass windows, marble carving and stonework. The spire is 91 metres (300 ft.) tall and contains a 49 bell carillon.

Cobh Museum - Formerly a Scots Presbyterian church, Cobh Museum contains a wide collection of artifacts reflecting the great maritime and civic history of the town. The museum offers research facilities and holds a number of old passengers lists of ships that set out from Cork Harbour.

John F. Kennedy Park - This promenade on the waters edge is a favourite place for locals and visitors to relax. The bandstand was originally built for the visit of Queen Victoria in August 1849. During the summer months regular Band Recitals take place there. The 2 cannons in the promenade were returned from the Boer and Crimean Wars in 1899 and 1854 respectively.

Spike Island - Get the best insight into this intriguing island on the Spike Island guided walking tour. Departures at 2pm daily: June - September. Book online at www.titanic.ie. Group tours also available year round. Call 021 4815211.

Titanic Memorial - Unveiled in 1998, the bronze plaque was designed and crafted by local artist Mr. Michael Donovan. Millvina Dean youngest survivor of the Titanic was present at the unveiling.

Bible Garden - This delightful garden is attached to a contemplative monastery run by the Benedictine Order of Nuns. There are interesting views of the Harbour and the Cathedral from here. The gardens are set out in a biblical theme and provide a serenity of location that many visitors enjoy.



Queenstown Story Heritage Centre/ Railway Station - This station which provides a rail link to Cork City has been in continual operation since 1862. It also houses one of Ireland's finest heritage centres. The history of emigration, famine and transatlantic maritime travel is retold in a multi audio visual display. The centre recently opened a new permanent Titanic exhibition.



Titanic Trail - daily guided Walking Tour - This guided walking tour operates every day all year leaving at 11am from the Commodore Hotel. It is the best way to uncover the wonderful historical legacy of Cobh and Cork Harbour. The walk visits all the major attractions of Cobh giving detailed and fascinating background to the last hours of Titanic, the tragedy of the Lusitania and the story behind the monuments, and the buildings that adorn the town. Duration 60 minutes. Tickets at departure or Tourist Information Office. Book online @ www.titanic.ie Tours at other times available on request. During June, July and Aug extra walking tours operate at 11am and 2pm. Times may vary off season - Pre booking required November-April. 2014 Trip Advisor Award of Excellence.



The Port of Cork - handles some of the largest liners in the world at their cruise berth in Cobh, Ireland's only dedicated cruise berth. Each year on average 50 liners call to Cobh bringing in excess of 100,000 passengers and crew to the local town of Cobh, Cork City and the wider Cork region. Passengers from all over the world travel by cruise liner to Cobh. A cruise call at the Port of Cork provides passengers with the ultimate cruise experience arriving into Cork Harbour, the second largest natural harbour in the world. Once all the local attractions are visited a return visit is inevitable. www.portofcork.ie



2015 The Centenary of The Lusitania

The Lusitania was a magnificent ship, was Blue Ribald in 1907 when she crossed the Atlantic in 11 days, 15 hours and 52 minutes. On May 7th 1915 the Lusitania was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the Old Head of Kinsale, 25 miles

Of the 1,959 people on board 1,198 died. The survivors were brought to Queenstown and Kinsale and were cared for in local hotels, hospitals, lodgings and houses. Once damaged the Lusitania could not be made fit to launch lifeboats. The Lusitania had sunk leaving hundreds of people clambering for lifeboats. The American Consul, Jerome Frost and the Cunard Agent, Jerome Frost, amongst those working tirelessly to rescue survivors. Officials tried to compile lists of survivors but the town was flooded in to the port. Meanwhile, the survivors were lined up on the Cunard Pier and in the streets at the Town Hall and in a shed on the quayside. They left Queenstown as soon as they were able. Some were found because of their injuries or in the streets. Three were found of a missing relative. Three of the victims went down nearly 1,150 of her victims were buried in Clonmel graveyard, two miles from Cobh. 80 of them were never identified. The Lusitania was built in Glasgow, her regular route was London - New York, but on her last voyage had Queenstown.

Lusitania Peace Memorial - The Lusitania Peace Memorial designed by an Irish-American sculptor Jerome Frost. This work took 11 years to complete. The memorial is an Angel of Peace. He then turned to an alter ego, personally liked and that was the mourning figure who had worked to recover the living and the dead. - Laborare est Orare (to work is to pray). The memorial is a fisherman but there had to be an angel also. At the top is in Gaelic inscription 'Siochain in ainm de'.

Old Church (Clonmel) Cemetary - Lusitania victims of the Lusitania in Cobh is more tangible than any other. The reasons for this is obvious, the traumatic event in May 1915 and the seemingly endless possessions of the Old Church Cemetary, for a good two weeks a day 169 of the 289 recovered are buried here, of w



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Cobh Road Train - The Cobh Road Train provides a fun and informative trip around the historic town of Cobh. You will hear about Cobh history including the great cruise ships Titanic, Lusitania and stories about Cobh Cathedral. T: 085 1363393